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MTD HONORS LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES AT BOARD MEETING

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) honored three employees with a combined length of service totaling 105 years, at the bi-monthly Board meeting on March 9, 2010.

General Manager Sherrie Fisher, herself a nearly 36-year veteran of MTD, introduced three drivers, all of whom started at MTD 35 years ago, on March 17th, 1975. Each gentleman received a plaque and gratitude from the district and the MTD Board of Directors.

Jack Graham mentioned receiving two important phone calls in his life – one introduced him to his wife, while the other was from then-Operations Manager, Joe Martinez, offering him a job at MTD. Frank Reynoso, Sr., came to MTD from Jordano's, "It was a bit more salary and I had little kids at the time." One of those kids, Frank Reynoso, Jr., now also works at MTD. Carl Flores is the supervisor who arrives at MTD each weekday morning at 2:45 AM, to "turn the lights on and get our day started," said Ms. Fisher.

"We are all so glad you work here at MTD, thank you for 35 years of great service," Ms. Fisher said.

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), with its focus on passenger service, provides a reliable, safe, comfortable means of mobility to those who lack other transportation, including students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. MTD also provides an attractive transportation option for commuters and shoppers who might otherwise drive a car. MTD provides over 25,000 passenger trips each weekday resulting in 22,676 cars being left at home on weekdays. MTD provided more than 8,300,000 passenger trips last fiscal year. Santa Barbara is recognized as a transit intensive community and is ranked in the top ten in the nation for per capita bus usage. MTD operates North America's largest fleet of 100% battery electric buses. Additionally, MTD was the first in California to operate its fleet of diesel and diesel-electric buses with a bio-diesel blend of fuel.

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